

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. An herbal formula for treating or lessening the severity of food allergy, wherein said formula comprises an herbal mixture consisting of Ling-Zhi, Wu Mei, Chuan Jiao, Huang Lian, Huang Bai, Gan Jiang, Gui Zhi, Ren Shen, and Dang Gui.

2. An herbal formula for preventing food allergy, wherein said formula comprises an herbal mixture consisting of Ling-Zhi, Wu Mei, Chuan Jiao, Huang Lian, Huang Bai, Gan Jiang, Gui Zhi, Ren Shen, and Dang Gui.

3. A composition comprising the herbal formula according to claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, adjuvant, or vehicle.

4. A composition comprising the herbal formula according to claim 2, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, adjuvant, or vehicle.

5. The composition according to claim 3, wherein said composition further comprises an additional therapeutic agent.

6. The composition according to claim 5, wherein said additional therapeutic agent is a corticosteroid.

7. The composition according to claim 5, wherein said additional therapeutic agent is an anti-histamine.

8. The composition according to claim 5, wherein said additional therapeutic agent is epinephrine.

9. The composition according to claim 5, wherein said additional therapeutic agent is a bronchodilator.

10. A method for treating or lessening the severity of food allergy, in a patient in need thereof, wherein said method comprises administering to said patient the herbal formula according to claim 1 or the composition according to claim 3.

11. The method according to claim 10, wherein said food allergy is a peanut allergy.

12. A method of preventing food allergy, or one or more symptoms related to food allergy, in a patient in need thereof, wherein said method comprises administering to said patient the herbal formula according to claim 1 or the composition according to claim 3.

13. The method according to claim 12, wherein said food allergy is a peanut allergy.

14. A method of treating or lessening the severity of anaphylactic shock, in a patient in need thereof, wherein said method comprises administering to said patient the herbal formula according to claim 1 or the composition according to claim 3.

15. A method of preventing anaphylactic shock, in a patient in need thereof, wherein said method comprises administering to said patient the herbal formula according to claim 1 or the composition according to claim 3.